

June 1645

At Naseby, near Northampton (June 1645), the New Model Army faced its first great test. It outnumbered the royalist forces by two to one and inflicted on them the decisive defeat of the war. King Charles retreated from the field at the height of the action and the royalist cavalry was put to flight. From that defeat royalist fortunes never recovered. The New Model Army had shown

itself to be the most powerful force,  
military and political, in the land  
it was the instrument by which  
Cromwell was to rise to supreme  
power.

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In Russia the first Romanov, Michael had been succeeded by his son Alexis in 1645

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One vote gave Oliver Cromwell  
control over England